

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating allowability of Claim 21 in rewritten in independent form. Thus, Applicants have included the limitations of Claim 21 in Claim 17. Based on the indication of allowability of Claim 21, it is believe that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 21, 27-29 are canceled without prejudice. A Divisional application (Serial No. 11/952,242) was filed.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 17-20, 22-26 will now be active in this application.

Amended Claim 17 clearly sets forth method steps for synthesizing the phosphorus compound (forming an acid....reacting said acid and an auxiliary base to form a salt of the auxiliary base; ... forming two immiscible liquid phases, ...separating said first phase from said second phase).

Further, the phosphorus compounds of Claim 17 are sufficiently characterized by their chemical names (aminodihalophosphines, diaminohalophosphines, triaminophosphines, phosphorous ester diamides, aminophosphines, diaminophosphines, phosphorous ester amide halides, aminophosphine halides and phosphonous ester halides). A person of ordinary skill in the art would know from the chemical names what the structures refer to. The specification also provides additional guidance, see for example pages 22-23 and page 42 of the specification. Since the chemical names sufficiently specify the structures, there is no need to include the structures of Claims 25 in Claim 17 to further limit this claim.

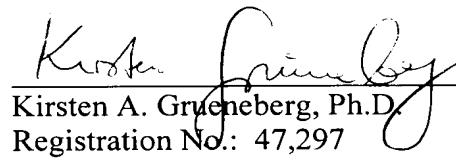
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In view of the above, the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and 112, 2nd paragraph, should be withdrawn.

This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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